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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF ZAIRE'S PERMANENT SECRETARY OF POLITICAL BUREAU AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO BONN

1. NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, RECENTLY APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS BEEN VISITING WASHINGTON AT THE REQUEST OF ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO CONVEY TO THE US GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS ZAIRE'S CONCER ABOUT ANGOLA AND ZAIRE'S OWN SECURITY.

2. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HER JANUARY 29, NGUZA HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN HIS CONTACTS WITH SOME 17 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. WHEN I SAW NGUZA ON FEBRUARY 5, WE DISCUSSED THE UTILITY OF VISITING THE UK, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND FRG; I ENCOURAGED HIM TO GO. HE IS A VERY EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN. I HOPE THAT TOGETHER WITH OUR ALLIES WE CAN HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THIS AFRICAN REGION TO INSULATE IT AGAINST THE UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS OF AN ADVERSE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. NGUZA LEAVES FOR LONDON FEBRUARY 11 AND WILL ARRIVE IN BONN FEBRUARY 16.

4. TO FACILITATE HIS CONTACTS IN BONN, I OFFERED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. THE FOLLOWING LETTER
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BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARE OUR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF CUBAN TROOPS AND SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONS IN ANGOLA. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA WERE ALREADY SUFFERING SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE CONFLICT. THEY ARE UNDERSTANDABLY EXTREMELY WORRIED OVER THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE FOREIGN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ON THEIR BORDERS.

THESE CONCERNS INDUCED PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO SEND HIS PERSONAL ADVISER NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, TO WASHINGTON WITH A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT FORD. WHILE HERE, HE WAS RE-APPOINTED AS COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NGUZA HAS PROVEN TO BE AN EXTREMELY ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR HIS COUNTRY IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH HE HAS HELD WITH MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS.

I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND TIME TO RECEIVE NGUZA. I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE PICTURE WHICH HE PAINTS OF THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA BOTH PERSUASIVE AND DISTURBING. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE LOOKING CAREFULLY INTO WAYS THAT WE MAY BOLSTER OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA. SINCE WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU AND OTHERS I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIS VIEWS. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END QUOTE
KISSINGER

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